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REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS

Gold Bluffs Beach Campground to Open April 1, 2012

Redwood National & State Parks Superintendent Jeff Bomke announced today that the Gold Bluffs Beach Campground in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park will re-open for overnight camping on April 1, 2011.

Nestled in the dunes along a beautiful 10-mile stretch of wild beach, Gold Bluffs Beach Campground is a great choice for both those seeking a fun-filled family vacation and the peace of solitude and dazzling sunsets. It is also a starting off point for lots of recreational opportunities, from strolling the beach, fishing or watching wildlife (elk and grey whales are commonly seen.) Swimming, however, is not an

option due to dangerous currents and cold, rough seas. Instead, head up to Fern Canyon, located a short distance north of the campground. Its fame for beauty is well-earned, but be aware that you'll be doing some wading when exploring the canyon this time of year.

To reach the campground turn west off of Hwy 101 onto Davidson Road, about 10 miles north of Orick, CA. Follow Davidson Road six miles to the beach and north to the campground. Davidson Road is unpaved and may not be suitable for all vehicles, particularly in poor weather.

The campground includes 29 tent sites or 25 RV sites for RVs up to 24 feet in length and 8 feet width; trailers are prohibited. There are no RV hookups. Campsites are \$35 per night and available on a first-come, first-served basis only. Each campsite holds a maximum of eight people and two vehicles, with an additional \$8 fee per extra vehicle. Amenities include restrooms, wind shelters, picnic tables, food lockers, firewood and solar showers. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. All dogs must be on a 6-foot leash at all times and are not allowed on trails.

For up-to-date information on all roads, trails, and campgrounds within Redwood National and State Parks, please call 707-465-7335, or visit the parks' website, www.nps.gov/redw.

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